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ELECTION AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant received an Official Action mailed December 5, 2006 requiring restriction of Applicant's application pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 121. Three claims are pending in the application. Restriction is required to one of the following two groups of claims.

- Claims 6 7 drawn to a method of detecting breast cancer comprising detecting mRNA and cDNA in a sample and amplifying said cDNA; and
- II. Claim 8 drawn to a method of detecting breast cancer comprising isolating mRNA and detecting a translation product.

Applicant elects the claims of Group I in response to the restriction requirement.

Applicant believes no charge is required to submit this Election and Response to Restriction Requirement. However, Applicant authorizes the Office to charge any required fees to deposit Account 01-0025.

Applicant submits his response to the Official Action is complete and that the application is ready for examination, which action is earnestly solicited.

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